

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov 06 – All Saints’ Day will be celebrated next Sunday, Please submit names of those you wish to remember.

Nov 06 – 13 - Thanksgiving Baskets – Donations are being sought for purchasing Aldi’s Cards for the needy & O’Fallon Food Pantry. Signup in the Foyer.

Nov 24 – “Home Alone” Dinner? – If interested, Sign up in the Foyer.

ILLINOIS FAMILY INSTITUTE VOTER GUIDE: Election Day is Nov. 8th. Copies of the Voting Record of U.S. Senate and Congress as well as state candidates are available on the table by the Guest Book in the church narthex. It supplies the names of the candidates running for office and how they voted on the issues. Those candidates for our area are circled.

INVOCATION

**P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son
and of the Holy Spirit.**

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 46

**L: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

**C: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

**L: though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**L: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.**

**C: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

**L: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**C: Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

**L: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

**C: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"**

L: The LORD of hosts is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 947 "All Glory Be to God on High"

**All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will And grants His peace, the world to fill
All strife at last has ended.**

**We praise and laud and worship You; We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true And just and changes never.
With boundless pow'r, Your mighty reign Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!**

**O Jesus Christ, the only Son Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one With God and with each other.**

O Lamb of God, to You on high In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!
O Holy Spirit, our delight And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The **FIRST READING** for our Observance of Reformation Day is from the Revelation to St John, the 14th chapter. *Revelation 14:6–7*

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The **EPISTLE** of St Paul to the Romans, chapter 3.

Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he

might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 12:32*

(stand)

L: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

C: for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:31–36*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to nought all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

SERMON “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *John 8:31–36* Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES’ CREED *stand*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Response:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

(Final Petition)

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in your mercy;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who taught and enables us to pray, saying,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

HYMN No. 657 (Isorhythmic) *“A Mighty Fortress”*

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus mighty Lord, God’s only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat’ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world’s tyrant rage; In battle we’ll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God’s judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God’s Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom’s ours forever!

SENDING